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HOPE FOR MISSING DIRIGIBLE ABANDONED

No Empty Stockings Here As Far As Known

Japan Protests Against Alien Land Laws Of Coast

Christmas Day Finds City Enjoying Season Of Love And Good Will

As usual Christmas was a quiet day in Mexia. The people did not try to burn or tear up the city, but spent the day for the most part, quietly at home or visiting loved ones in other cities.

Practically all business houses, except drug stores and cafes, were closed all day and family reunions and Christmas dinners seemed to be the order of the day.

All of the churches had either Christmas trees, or other appropriate decorations.

Sunday night the Christian church had a big tree and an appropriate program, showing in tableau the story of the birth of the Savior.

The Central Free-baptist church also had a big tree for the Sunday school with an appropriate program.

There were trees at the Methodist and First Presbyterian churches for the children, with programs.

At St. Mary's church midnight mass was celebrated Monday night. This was the first service held in the new Catholic church, just completed.

Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 there was a big Christmas tree at the Baptist church for the Salvation Army children, and every child was remembered with a stocking. Also an appropriate program was rendered.

There was also a tree Tuesday night at the Salvation Army headquarters.

No accidents were reported, and very few fire crackers were used in the city, as they were barred from the business district by city laws.

Altogether it was a sure enough, Christmas day, just as it should be, and usually is in Mexia.

If there were any empty stockings in the city, it was unavoidable, as every effort was made by churches and charitable as well as benevolent organizations to see that Santa Claus was real to everyone in the community.

UNITED STATES MAY ENDORSE OBREGON'S RACE

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—Federal troops are holding the insurgents in check on the various fronts, according to official advices. A rumor is in circulation that the United States is in some way going to help Obregon. Many believe if Calles and De La Huerta are eliminated from the presidential race the United States will back Obregon to the limit.

Poison Liquor Kills Four In New York City

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Poisoned Christmas liquor brought death to a man and two women and another woman and four men are in Bellevue Hospital in a critical condition today.

Besides these, more than twenty alcoholic poisoning cases, including a 15-year-old boy were reported in the city.

In contrast to Christmas last year, when twelve persons were admitted to the hospital as result of drinking, 22 entered the institution this season, with three deaths and more expected.

There were no fatalities in 1922.

Interesting Facts About Presidents Who Died in Office

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 25.—Potential presidential candidates for the 1924 elections will have something to be thankful for even if they fail to be elected.

Every president who has been elected at an interval of twenty years has died in office, according to Adolph Boldt, of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, a visitor in Fort Worth during the recent Hotel Keeper's convention.

"Every president since 1840 who was elected at a 20 year interval that is 1840, 1860, 1880 and so on until 1920 has died in office," Boldt said.

"President Harrison, elected in 1840, died a few months after taking office; Lincoln who became president in 1860 was shot in office; Garfield elected in 1880 was shot during his first year as president; McKinley who went to the White House in 1900 was assassinated; and President Harding died in the second year of his term," according to Boldt.

"It is also interesting to note that no president except those who took office at the twenty year periods have died in office," he said.

Cows Noses Give Get Them Caught

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 26.—Criminal activities of animals—dogs, cows and cats, etc.—can now be checked.

When your flower beds are trampled during the night by somebody's cow just get a print of her nose.

Bobby Ellis, head of the identification Bureau here, says cow's noses prints tally identically.

Ellis advocates universal finger prints for the help it would give in solving crimes and aiding in identification of accident victims.

A M. Gibbons of Clarksville was in Mexia Tuesday.

J. E. Woodfin of Paris was in Mexia on business Tuesday.

France Has A Gloomy Xmas

PARIS, Dec. 25. (United Press).—Christmas of 1923 in France was one of the dullest in years from a business viewpoint and most expensive from the consumer's viewpoint.

Everything gone up from 30 to 50 per cent since last year, except incomes and salaries, the reason is easy to understand.

In spite of this situation, celebrations started last night with the traditional midnight mass, followed by the famous "Reveillon." Although the latter was a restricted one for many French "Reveilloners," there was the usual foiegras, oysters, white sausages, champagne, but either less in quantity or inferior in quality.

Those who last year had reserved one hundred francs tables at their favorite restaurant to get the above menu and dance afterwards, having found they had to pay 150 francs per person, decided to change for some cheaper place where the food is not so fine.

Thanks to the numerous foreigners in town the expensive restaurants sold most of their Reveillon suppers, but the foreigners cannot be everywhere, and there are places where the situation is far worse.

In the department stores, for instance. There the first to suffer apparently are French boys and girls. Now is the time of the year when they expect presents from father, mother and relatives. Families go to the stores with the best intentions, but they see prices prohibitive. Toys these days cost 25 per cent more than last Christmas, while some have gone up as high as 80 per cent.

The traders lose, because their expenses have gone up, too, since last year, but they are not doing much more business. Facing serious financial difficulties and their profits decreasing, unless they can arrange cheaper manufacturing, they will be worse off in 1924.

In view of the fact that similar troubles prevail in many other French trade branches, the cost of living can only remain high, and certainly will be higher during these holidays.

A poor Christmas, a poorer New Year day, with very slight hopes of wealthier France during 1924, such is the outlook with pessimism, even if Germany should start paying reparations, which the French people no longer hope in the near future.

Mexico Sends Gold To United States

EL PASO, Dec. 25.—Mexico is pouring a steady stream of gold into the United States.

During the month of November gold amounting to \$100,062 was imported from Mexico into this federal district, according to a report from the United States customs office here.

Silver also is flowing in. There was \$1,654,702 worth imported from Mexico thru El Paso during November.

Salt Cellar Causes Suit For Divorce

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 25.—Even the smallest of objects loom big in marital rows. A tiny salt cellar brought the marital difficulties of Nathan Smith and his wife, Daisy Little Smith, into court here.

In his suit for divorce, Smith alleged that Mrs. Smith threw a salt cellar at him in addition to doing various other things that made him desirous of again enjoying single blessedness.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 26.—After being held with a knife at his throat while his clothes were being ripped and he was robbed of \$300, Manuel Cruise told police he was headed straight for the battle fronts of the Mexican revolution where it's quiet.

FOUR KILLED IN SHOOTINGS IN KENTUCKY

HAZARD, Ky., Dec. 26.—Four men were killed and two wounded in three Christmas shooting affrays in this vicinity.

William Smith, deputy sheriff, was killed and Dennis Phillips, seriously wounded when Phillips resisted arrest on a disorderly conduct charge.

Three other deputies, John Smith, James Witt and J. T. Davidson, going to the scene of Deputy Smith's death, mistook the explosion of a firecracker for a shot and opened fire on Jerry Dunn's store at Karlos. A bullet from Smith's gun fatally wounded Dunn and killed J. D. Matthews and Harry Hayes.

Football Scores In Texas, 1923

AUSTIN, Texas, December 24.—The year of 1923 witnessed the greatest scoring machines in history in the Texas Interscholastic league, according to figures compiled.

Abilene High School, which has come safely through to the semi-finals has hung up the enviable total of 571 points in 11 games. Ten of these games were shutouts, Cisco, Texas, high making a lone touchdown against the gridiron from the Panhandle. They average 52 points to the game.

Waco High which also has hurled all obstacles until she has entered the semi-finals has rolled up a total of 515 points in 11 games, a total of 46 points to the game. Their goal line has not been crossed.

Each team has scored an overwhelming victory and each has had a mighty close shave.

Abilene ran up a score of 101 to 0 against Dublin High and then was held to a 7 to 0 count by the team from Stamford High School. Waco's biggest score was 127 to 0 against McGregor High School. She narrowly missed defeat in a game with Southwestern Cerubs which ended 3 to 0.

THE WORLD IN TABLOID

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—Becoming enraged on seeing his own image reflected in a local store window, Wesley Radecker, 27, opened a bombardment on the glass with bricks. Three hits caused \$150 damage.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 26.—Martha Jones, negroess, offered a pint of corn for \$2 to a stranger of depicted appearance on the street here last night. "Sure I'll give it to the chief," was Detective Frank Davis' reply as he took Martha in tow.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 26.—Three persons were killed here yesterday when an interurban car struck their automobile. The dead are Madge Spencer, Robert Spencer and Margaret Peyton.

PARIS, Texas, Dec. 26.—Irene Elkins, 7, was perhaps fatally injured when she was struck by an automobile here yesterday as she was leaving a Christmas entertainment. The little girl had her arms full of presents and was attempting to cross the street when the car struck her, hurling her to the pavement and fracturing her skull.

Physicians said her chances for recovery were slight.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—Emmett Greghat today committed suicide on the doorstep of the home where his estranged wife lived, after his entreaties for a Christmas reconciliation were declined. Greghat argued with his wife for several minutes, attempting to gain admission to the house. When she finally refused, he took poison and shot himself, dying instantly.

Step Follows Decisions Of The Supreme Court

By A. L. BRADFORD (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Japan has made formal representation to the United States amounting to a protest against the anti-alien land laws of California and other Western States, it was learned on reliable authority here today.

The protest is understood to have been made in a communication delivered to the State Department by Ambassador Hanihara, the Japanese envoy in Washington.

This step by Japan follows closely upon the recent decisions of United States Supreme Court confirming the constitutionality of the Western laws barring Japanese from holding land in any way in those States for agricultural purposes.

The Japanese communication is not understood to protest against opinions of the Supreme Court themselves, but to object to the situation that results from the court's decisions.

The protest from Japan, according to the view in some quarters here is the natural consequence and climax to the long history of the Western anti-alien legislation, as the diplomatic correspondence that previously has passed between the United States and Japan on this subject has foreshadowed such a step as the present note from Tokio.

The American Government has not replied to the Japanese note, but is expected to do so in the near future.

Since Secretary Hughes came into office, it has been the tacit understanding between the United States and Japanese Government, that nothing practicable could be done towards negotiations for a settlement of this serious question until the Supreme Court had passed on the constitutionality of the anti-alien land laws, as brought up in the different suits before the court.

Youthful Hunter Kills Big Bear

ORANGE, Texas, Dec. 26.—Thru the veins of Johnnie Thompson, aged 15, there coursed the same blood that animated the famed huntmen and trappers of old.

While fellow members of a hunting party, all older men, looked on, the youth single handed killed a large black bear weighing over a hundred pounds in the heavy timber country near here recently.

Shortly afterward on the same hunting trip, the youth slew a huge "loafer" wolf that had been cornered by bounds without the assistance of other huntmen.

Reared near Orange, the youth knows every foot of the forests about here and has an enviable record as a trapper.

REMEMBERING THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

As is its annual custom, Springfield Lodge No. 71, A. F. and A. M., sent baskets of fruit to widows of deceased members of the lodge, remembering several in this way.

Travis Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias also remembered widows, children and sisters of several of its deceased members in this thoughtful way.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Two bandits held up the United States Cigar store at State and Madison streets, the "world's busiest corner," and escaped with \$250 in cash. Henry Greeley, the clerk, had just opened the shop for the day.

Nothing Heard From Dixmude By Ministry Of Marine

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Hope for the missing French air liner Dixmude was virtually abandoned today by the Ministry of Marine.

The most that remains to officials is the hope that the dirigible's crew or part of it, may escape alive.

Nothing definite has been heard from the Dixmude which has been gone from her base at Cuers-Pierrefort for more than eight days, since wireless messages from the airship were picked up yesterday.

The Dixmude's rations gave out four days ago; her fuel supply consisting of nineteen tons of gasoline was exhausted last Saturday; caught in the grip of terrific Mediterranean storms, she drifted wraith like in an aerial prison, unable to land, or to make headway to her base.

When last seen the Dixmude was over the Gulf of Gabes, being blown to sea off the Tunis coast.

Since that time, however, the winds have changed and the last to make the Dixmude its plaything was driving the helpless dirigible inland.

Cavalry garrisons throughout Tunis and Algeria were ordered out today by French War Department for a search.

The troops were ordered to pass the word along to the natives who would spread it rapidly from mouth to mouth because the Dixmude is regarded as a supernatural sky monster by the tribes men of Northern Africa.

Christmas eve brought reports that various stations in Tunis had been the airship's searchlights in the night sky, but as these were some times reported pointing in one direction and again in another, and were not otherwise identified as belonging to the Dixmude the Ministry of Marine now doubts if it was the dirigible which was seen. Moreover the positions and times reports do not check, when the wind direction is taken into account.

Technical advisers in the aeronautics department of the French navy declared it an impossibility for the Dixmude to remain aloft unprovisioned for a week. They believe the airship landed some days ago, if in the seas, loss of all lives, if in the desert, or among the rough hills of Northern Africa, perhaps with some lives saved.

Despair for the air liner's safety grew today as the time she had been away from her home base lengthened to two hundred hours. The Dixmude carried food for approximately sixty hours, with emergency rations that would carry her crew throughout another day or so but her water supply must long since been exhausted.

While cavalry raked the plains and hills of Southern Tunis today, squadrons of airplanes went aloft into the air that held the Dixmude prisoner and searched far and wide for the missing giantess.

Commandant La Fargue, commanding in Tunis, expressed belief the Dixmude had sought shelter behind the Atlas Mountains in the Sarab desert and was awaiting favorable winds to blow her back to France.

The Tunisian commander insisted the dirigible had not sent out distress signals and pointed out that if she had collapsed in the desert the news certainly would have arrived by the natives.

This announcement that the Dixmude had not sent distress signals perplexed naval aviator experts, who pointed out the airship, being built of duraluminum, was extremely light and might float for some days if it fell into the Mediterranean.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Nine were killed in Illinois automobile accidents. Two in Chicago, three in Bloomington, three in Danville, and one in Galesburg.

STATE INSPECTOR PRAISES THE MEXIA HIGH SCHOOL

We have just received a copy of the report made by Miss Charlotte Mayfield to the State Department of Education on her recent visit in the Mexia High School. This report was particularly interesting. As for the Mexia High School, it is a model of a high school in every particular. As for the report, it is a model of a report in every particular. It is a model of a report in every particular. It is a model of a report in every particular.

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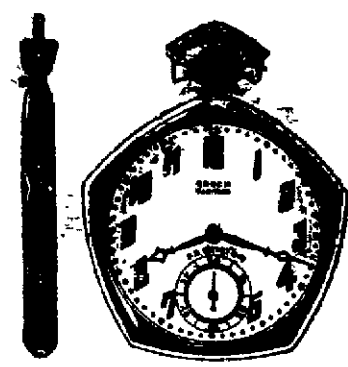
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—Elgin Thin model, 7 jewels, handsomely cased in white gold, \$18.00 value. now at half price **\$9.00**

—“Lady Elgin” 10-0 size, 15 jewels fitted in a solid 14 karat white gold case, \$50 value, now at half price **\$25.00**

—“Lady Elgin” Wrist Watch, 7 jewels, fitted in yellow gold filled case, convertible wristlet, \$20 value, now at half price **\$10.00**

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—Conklin gold filled pen and pencil set with clip, \$9.50 set. now at half price **\$4.75**

—Wahl “Eversharp” green gold filled pen and pencil set, \$8.50 value. Now at half price **\$4.25**

—The celebrated Parker “Lucky Curve” fountain pen in black rubber and fitted with a solid gold point, \$3.00 value. now at half price **\$1.50**

—Wahl “Eversharp” pencil in sterling plate, \$1.00 value. Now at half price **50c**

—Heppelwhite design (Reed & Barton) large six piece tea set including waiter. \$150 value, now at half price **\$75**

—“Dutch Silver” Wedgewood quality coffee set, four pieces, \$50.00 value. Now at half price **\$25**

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—Gilbert clocks 8 day and striker, upright design and mahogany finished, \$15.00 value. Now at half price **\$7.50**

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First Vice President, Lion Marion M. Brown.

Second Vice President, Lion F. W. Welch.

Third Vice President, Lion R. D. Morgan.

Tail Twister, Lion Phil Karner.

Lion Tamer, Lion W. B. Landrum.

Secretary and Treasurer, Lion Jere H. Cason.

Publicity Man, Lion G. T. Reaves.

Directors:

Lion J. K. Hughes

Lion S. S. Cox

Lion Blake Forrest

Lion W. W. Barnett

Lion B. R. Howard

Lion R. B. Bass

Early in last December the membership committee of the club met and rearranged the roll and the following members are those now on the roster:

Lion W. B. Andrews

Lion W. D. Alexander

Lion W. W. Barnett

Lion W. M. Brown

Lion W. K. Boyd

Lion Ray Bass

Lion Charles Clover

Lion J. H. Cason

Lion Sam Cox

Lion Roscoe Cook

Lion R. J. Compton

Lion J. Dusenberry

Lion Blake Forrest

Lion Gray Forrest

Lion Rex Forrest

Lion Roy Flynn

Lion V. B. Gardner

Lion J. K. Hughes

Lion Monroe Hatt

Lion Ben Howard

Lion Reuben Jackson

Lion Bob Johnson

Lion John Klotz

Lion Phil Karner

Lion De Witt Lamb

Lion Herbert Littman

Lion Wirt Landrum

Lion John McElroy

Lion Elton Mosely

Lion Rube D. Morgan

Lion Jean Ormsby

Lion John Phillips

Lion George Perkins

Lion Jim Prickett

Lion Dick Prickett

Lion Tom Prickett

Lion George Peyton

Lion Tom Phillips

Lion J. I. Riddle

Lion G. T. Reaves

Lion John Sweet

Lion E. L. Smith

Lion Gene Sinclair

Lion John Sanders

Lion W. M. White, I

Lion Sam Werner

Lion B. C. Walkup

Lion Walter Womack

Lion W. Wilson

Lion W. Welch

This club has been an important factor in promoting the many civic

improvements which have made for the wonderful progress of Mexia in the last two years. Among the movements which they have encouraged are these:

The paving of the alleys of Mexia.

The extension of the pavement on Kaufman street to the cemetery.

The beautifying of the park given to the city by J. K. Hughes. A committee for this project is now outstanding.

An electrically lighted white way from the railroads to Paris street.

In connection with the other clubs they were interested in the matter of light rate question here; the buying of a street sweeper for the city; and the securing of a new charter for the city.

OBREGON SENDS MEN TO SOUTH IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Fearing a rebel thrust from the South, Obregon has dispatched General Gomez, Military Commander of the Capital and fifteen hundred men to the state of Morelos. The rebels are reported active there. The Federals in the east are consolidating, following their victory in Puebla Saturday. Two hundred rebels were left dead behind when the Federal forces drove them out of the city and captured 1,000. Airplanes and artillery were used in the attack before the attack was made on the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are now making Mexia their home. Mr. Sherman is with the Community Power and Light Company here.

D. E. McKinney of Dawson was in the city Monday.

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Europe Awakening From Her Nightmare

LONDON, Dec. 26. (United Press.)

Europe has completed another year of her slow awakening from the nightmare of the world war.

Perhaps the outstanding political development of the year was a strong movement towards conservatism in belligerent and neutral, conqueror and conquered States alike. Radicals lost ground everywhere, except in England, where labor materially increased its power and parliamentary prestige.

Bonito Mussolini has consolidated his Fascist Government in Italy.

Greece is in the hands of a military dictatorship, and militant republicans are pulling the King's throne out from under him.

General Primo Rivera is the virtual dictator of Spain, after a bloodless revolution of one day.

Conservatives seized the reins in Bulgaria and the radical prime minister, Stambouliski, was killed in the sharp fighting that attended the overthrow.

Germany seems about to follow these States and declare for a strictly conservative government, as against the present coalition—itsself much more conservative than its predecessors.

On Verge of War.

Once Europe was brought to the verge of war, Italian members of an allied military mission were killed on Greek soil. Italy's fleet bombarded the Greek port of Corfu. The casualties were refugees, mostly children. In the end Greece satisfied the Italian demands and war that would have involved all Europe was averted.

States collapsed and others were rehabilitated during the year.

Germany, a great world power, collapsed almost completely, and now seems to have seen the worst of her troubles.

Turkey has won back by the peace of Lausanne what she lost during the war, and more. She finds herself a strong, progressive republic, with Mustafa Kemal, who led the Angora revolt, her President.

Russia Starts Back.

Russia has started to come back. Italy and Great Britain are preparing to recognize her soon—almost certainly within the year.

Austria, stripped of her most valuable territory, reached the depths of economic ruin. Today her finances are being restored by the League of Nations.

Hungary is to be assisted similarly as soon as the council of some doubtful League members is obtained.

Greece, torn by war and revolution, has applied for aid.

But 1934 opens with continental Europe still in grave difficulties, but no worse off, perhaps better, than at the beginning of 1933.

At the close of 1933, France had just rejected British and Italian plans to solve the reparations question.

And 1934 opened with French and Belgian troops marching into the Ruhr, where they seized the most productive centre of the German republic as a guarantee that reparations payments, which it was complained, were slow and inadequate, would be made promptly and fully.

Germany began passive resistance. England refused to co-operate with her allies, France and Belgium, and Italy was an unwilling assistant to them.

Reparations payments ceased. For months there was a stalemate; abortive attempts at agreement; riots; imprisonment of German industrialists and government officials; murders of French and Belgian soldiers; shooting of towns by French and Belgian forces.

Allies Estranged.

All the time conditions in Germany became worse. And the allies, who had fought and won the war together, became more and more estranged.

Then Germany collapsed. The mark became worthless. There were unsuccessful attempts at rebellion in Bavaria and the Rhineland—the former aiming at seizing power and restoring the monarchy, the latter at proclaiming a Rhineland republic.

Passive resistance ceased, and nothing happened.

Great Britain and the United States proposed a huge reparations conference to settle the whole mess. The idea failed, because France refused to permit the reassessment of Germany's war liability.

Allied military control over Germany had ceased because of chaotic conditions. France wanted it restored and threatened to withdraw her troops and cease to co-operate with the allies.

For the first time since war, France gave in.

Things changed for the better. France signed an agreement with the Ruhr industrialists for payment of reparations.

Then France proposed an investigation by the Reparations Commission of (1) German finances, and (2) German wealth deposited abroad, by two committees.

There may be further trouble about the Ruhr agreement, as to who is to get the money, if any.

May Settle Reparations.

As to the investigation, Great Britain consented to it rather than argue, though believing it must fail. But as plans for it are formed Great Britain and others are beginning to believe that it may develop into a real one. If it does, the United States will join, and a settlement of the reparations problem may be effected.

The entente between France and Great Britain, which had become a myth, is stronger now than it has been for months. France is more conciliatory. Belgium wants friendship with England. And Italy has adopted the whole British program—which is peace and hard work.

France and Belgium are beginning to remove all but 10,000 of the 60,000 soldiers in the Ruhr.

Things in Europe during 1933 became so bad that they could not have got worse without war. Now, at least superficially, they are better. The outlook is more cheerful. 1935 may see Europe really convalescing.

LET US JOIN HANDS ROTARY SAYS TO CITY

The Mexia Rotary Club was organized in January 1933 by Dr. David C. Bayless formerly a member of the Baltimore Rotary Club, Baltimore, Md. Through the efforts of Dr. Bayless a survey of Mexia by the then District Governor, John C. Singleton of Waxahachie, was asked, and a permit granted to organize a Club in Mexia with a membership not to exceed 25 members. Accordingly the following Charter membership was made up:

Albert H. Berry, Wholesale Grocer.
Cox W. Brodnax, Retail Lumber.
James D. Ruie, Photographer.
John R. Corley, Retail Furniture.
J. W. Elliott, Sales Agent for Texas Company.

A. R. (Eich) Etchison, Wholesale Produce.
A. Hardie Eubanks, Banking.
Nelson Forrest, Druggist.
Allen L. Hatch, Farmer.
Jim C. Hodges, Building Contractor.
Albert E. Humphreys, Crude Petroleum Products.

Fred S. Karner, Manufacturers Agent.

W. J. Keeling, Real Estate Broker.
C. Perier McKenzie, Surgeon.
Jesse W. McLendon, Hotel Owner and Operator.

Tom F. Nolan, General Fire Insurance.

L. S. Patterson, Jeweler.
Joe G. Putman, Clergyman.
Chas. O. Sergeant, Wholesale Plumbing.

Blake Smith, Stocks and Bonds.
Ben F. Stollenwerk, Commercial Secretary.

Leonard Tidwell, Retail Grocer.
Ernest Watson, Capitalist.
W. M. White, Civil Lawyer.
Jack Womack, Loans.

Following the completion of this list Rotarian Jess Eubanks, at that time President of the Corsicana Rotary Club, came to Mexia as the official representative of Rotary International and completed the formality of organizing the Club as above constituted. Rotarian Eubank received no compensation for his services, and in fact the members of Rotary state with pride that no commission, fee or salary is paid on a Rotary membership. They have no paid organizers and the membership spreads simply through the interest that is inspired in the practices and tenets of the organization.

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meeting on January 25 the following were elected directors of the Club:

A. E. Humphreys,
C. P. McKenzie,
A. H. Berry,
L. S. Patterson,
W. M. White,
Ernest Watson,
Jack Womack.

These directors in turn elected Albert E. Humphreys President, C. P. McKenzie, Vice President, A. H. Eubanks, Treasurer, Ben F. Stollenwerk, secretary, Fred S. Karner, sergeant-at-arms.

The Club has increased its membership during the year from the original 25 to 48. The following members have been added since that time, the charter permitting only three members per month for the first 12 months:

Garland Adair, Editor.
Rush Allison, Automobile Accessories.
J. D. Arrington, Transfer.
Jesse F. Dehning, Architect.
Joe Harrison, Manager Hotel.
F. P. Huchingson, Local Agent Southern Pacific Lines.
W. B. Kendrick, Retail Credit Service.

Ike W. Keyes, Criminal Attorney.
Ed Measels, Retail Hardware.
Dr. J. L. Metcalf, Dentist.
David Murphy, Commercial Banker.
Dr. T. F. Oates, Physician.
R. A. (Dick) Wager, Typewriter and Stationery Co.
J. Sanford Smith, Investment Banker.

E. L. Crow, Cotton Buyer.
Oran Arrington, Flour Broker.
Chas. A. Puckett, Superintendent of Public School.

J. G. (Mac) McIntosh, Civil Engineer.

Ernest M. Strange, Automobile Dealer.

Joe Jeffers, Voice.
Cliff Cobb, Statistician.

Carl Davis, Steam Laundry.
Thos. Haines, Oil Scout.
W. Duke Pittman, Optometrist.
David C. Bayless, Secretary.
Elected to membership are:

Frazier Hendrix, Manager W. A. Jackson Co., Dry Goods.

Arvin Epperson, Confectioner.

The following active memberships have been terminated:

James E. Buie, moved away.
Albert E. Humphreys, membership changed from active to honorary for life.

David C. Bayless membership changed from active to honorary for life.

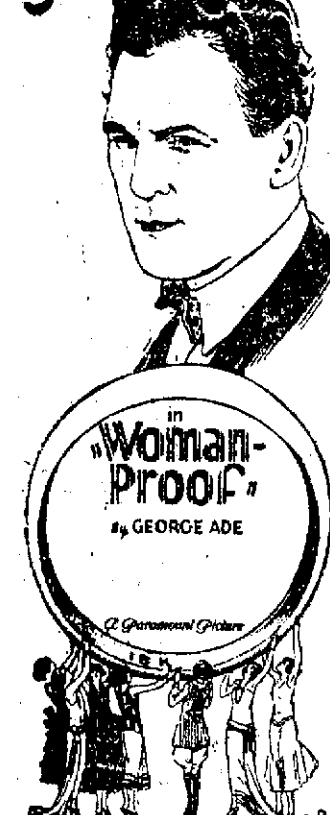
Glen Kahle, Associate membership terminated account of change of residence.

On November 8 Rotarian Albert E. Humphreys, the first president of the Club, was elected President Emeritus and an honorary member for life. At the same meeting Rotarian David Bayless was elected an honorary member of the Club for life.

These elections left a vacancy on the Board of Directors and on November 15, after having expression from the entire Club assembled at Luncheon, Hardie Eubanks was elected to the place on the Board of Directors and

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Albert H. Berry was elected President to fill that vacancy, and is now President of the Club.

The Mexia Rotary Club holds Charter number 1361, formally granted on the 26th of February, 1923 and the practice of the Club is based on the Motto of Rotary "He profits most who serves best."

The activities of the Club are largely social and for the purpose of promoting friendliness and good fellowship among its members. It is not intended to take the place of a Chamber of Commerce or a more serious civic or commercial organization. The Mexia Club feels that on account of its youth it has hardly yet "found itself." The movement in the Club to establish

the Students' Loan Fund is regarded by its club members as the best piece of work that the Club will likely inaugurate during the year just closing. The Club desires to make no boasts of its accomplishments during 1933, but contents itself with extending to the people of Mexia both in and out of the Rotary Club, to the members of its fellow organizations such as the Lions Club, Salesmanship Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and other similar organizations, a message of Peace and Good Will. A message of good fellowship and good cheer, exhorting people to look on the bright side of life and at the season when the countless millions of Christian people all over the entire world should be celebrating

the Birth of the Master." "Let us march onward and upward and let us join hands as neighbors and friends to make Mexia better, bigger and brighter during 1934," said a member of the official family of the Club.

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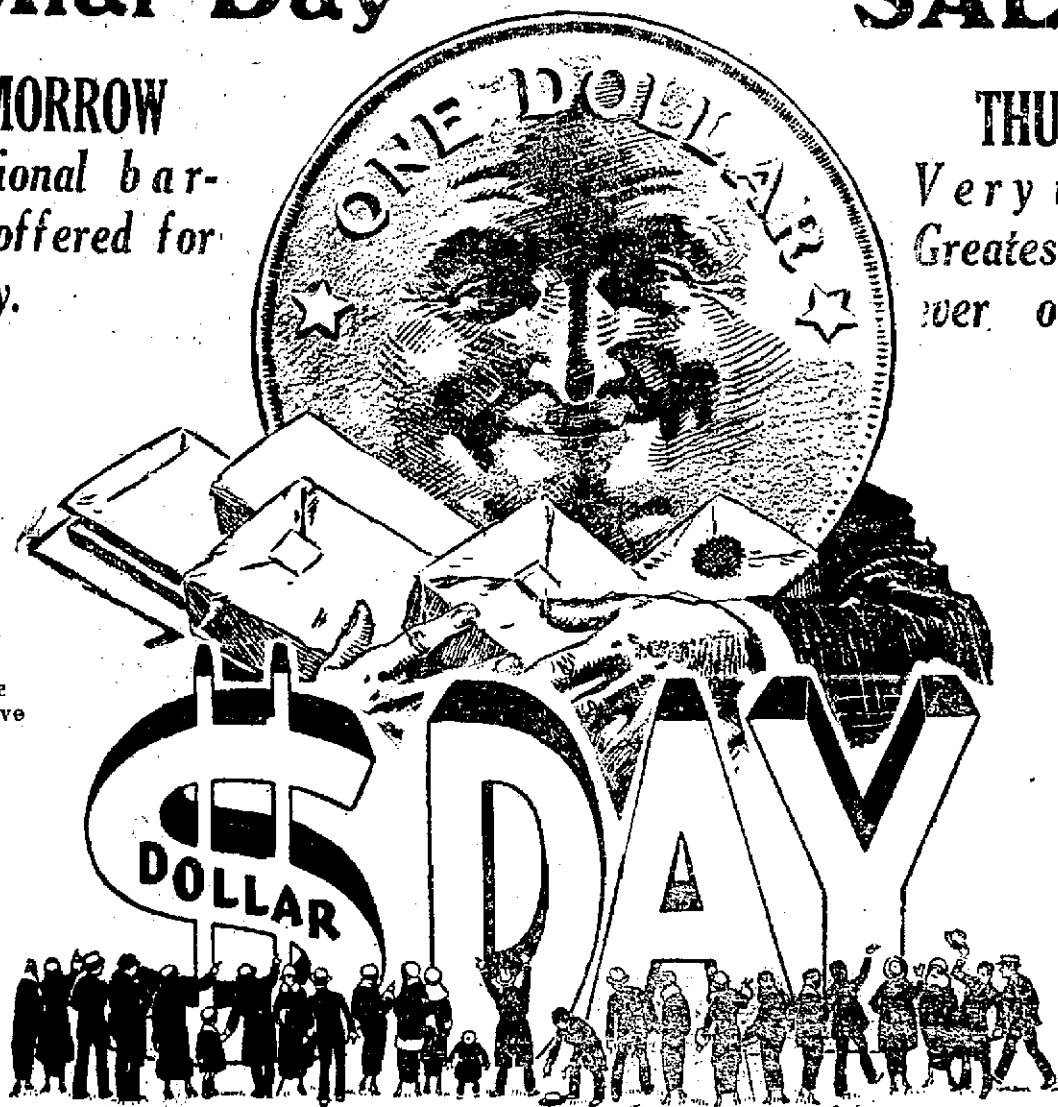
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Wool Blankets \$6.95
—One lot of wool blankets, very warm and in pretty assorted colors. Size 66x80; regularly selling at \$9.95; tomorrow only, pair \$6.95

Kimona Outing \$1.00
—One lot of 36 inch kimona outing, regularly selling at 35c; tomorrow very special at 5 yards \$1

Indain Head 3 Yds \$1.00
—One lot of Indian Head suiting, worth 50c per yard, tomorrow 3 yards \$1

Baby Blankets \$1.00
—In pretty colors for the little fellows beds. Worth \$1.50, tomorrow very special at each \$1

Ladies' Hose \$1.00
—Ladies silk and wool hose and silk hose in several colors; hosiery that originally sells from \$1.50 to \$3.50; tomorrow very special at per pair \$1

Dress Gingham 6 Yards \$1.00
—One lot of 27 inch dress gingham in assorted colors and patterns, worth 25c and 35c, tomorrow very special at 6 yards for \$1

Muslin Wear \$1.00
—One lot of muslin gowns and teddies in white and pink, prettily trimmed in lace and ribbon; tomorrow very special at per garment \$1

Outing Flannel 6 Yards \$1.00
—Tomorrow we will sell 25c outing flannel in an assortment of colors, both dark and light, at 6 yards for \$1

27-In. Outing Flannel
—This 27 inch outing flannel in an assortment of colors will be placed on sale for tomorrow only at 8 yards for \$1

Bleached Domestic 8 Yds \$1.00
—One lot of 36-inch bleached domestic, worth 19c, very special for Dollar Day at 8 yds for \$1

Canton Flannel 6 Yards \$1.00
—We will sell one lot of bleached and brown canton flannel, worth 25c per yard, tomorrow very special at 6 yards \$1

Children's Silk Rib Hose \$1.00
—One lot of children's silk ribbed hose in black and brown. Extra high grade regularly selling at \$1.50 per pair; tomorrow very special \$1

Brown Domestic \$1
—One lot of brown domestic, good grade, 10 yards \$1

Boys' Pajamas \$1.00
—One lot of boy's outing flannel pajamas that sell at \$1.25 and \$1.50, placed on sale for tomorrow only at per suit \$1

32-In. Gingham 4 Yards \$1.00
—One lot of 32 inch French gingham regularly retailing at 39c per yard, tomorrow very special at 4 yards \$1

Wool Crepe \$1.00
—Very special for Dollar Day, this 36 inch wool crepe, regularly selling at \$1.50, tomorrow yd \$1

Madras 3 Yards \$1.00
—One lot of beautiful madras for making men's and boys' shirts. Reduced from 50c per yard and placed on sale at 3 yards \$1

32-In. French Gingham 3 Yards \$1.00
—One lot of 32 inch French Gingham in the wanted stripes, checks and plaids, reduced from 65c per yard and placed on sale at 3 yards \$1

Crepe 3 Yds \$1.00
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No Empty Stockings Here As Far As Known

Japan Protests Against Alien Land Laws Of Coast

Christmas Day Finds City Enjoying Season Of Love And Good Will

As usual Christmas was a quiet day in Mexia. The people did not try to burn or tear up the city, but spent the day, for the most part, quietly at home or visiting loved ones in other cities.

Practically all business houses, except drug stores and cafes, were closed all day and family reunions and Christmas dinners seemed to be the order of the day.

All of the churches had either Christmas trees or other appropriate services.

Sunday night the Christian church had a big tree and an appropriate program, showing in tabeau the story of the Birth of the Savior.

The Central Presbyterian church also had a big tree for the Sunday school with an appropriate program Sunday night.

Monday night there were trees at the Methodist and First Presbyterian churches for the children, with programs.

At St. Mary's church midnight mass was celebrated Monday night. This was the first service held in the new Catholic church, just completed.

Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 there was a big Christmas tree at the Baptist church for the Salvation Army children, and every child was remembered with a stocking. Also an appropriate program was rendered.

There was also a tree Tuesday night at the Salvation Army headquarters.

No accidents were reported, and very few fire crackers were used in the city, as they were barred from the business district by city laws.

Altogether it was a sure enough, Christmas day, just as it should be, and usually is in Mexia.

If there were any empty stockings in the city, it was unavoidable, as every effort was made by churches and charitable as well as benevolent organizations to see that Santa Claus was real to everyone in the community.

UNITED STATES MAY ENDORSE OBREGON'S RACE

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—Federal troops are holding the insurgents in check on the various fronts, according to official advices. A rumor is in circulation that the United States is in some way going to help Obregon. Many believe if Calles and De La Huerta are eliminated from the presidential race the United States will back Obregon to the limit.

Poison Liquor Kills Four In New York City

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Poison Christmas liquor brought death to a man and two women and another woman and four men in Bellevue Hospital in a critical condition today. Besides these, more than twenty alcoholic poisoning cases, including a 15-year-old boy were reported in the city.

In contrast to Christmas last year, when twelve persons were admitted to the hospital as result of drinking, 22 entered the institution this season, with three deaths and more expected. There were no fatalities in 1922.

Interesting Facts About Presidents Who Died in Office

POT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 25.—Potential presidential candidates for the 1924 elections will have something to be thankful for even if they fail to be elected.

Every president who has been elected at an interval of twenty years has died in office, according to Adolph Boldt, of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, a visitor in Fort Worth during the recent Hotel Keeper's convention.

"Every president since 1810 who was elected at a 20 year interval that is 1810, 1830, 1850 and so on until 1930 has died in office," Boldt said.

"President Harrison, elected in 1840, died a few months after taking office; Lincoln who became president in 1860 was shot in office; Garfield elected in 1880 was shot during his first year as president; McKinley who went to the White House in 1900 was assassinated; and President Harding died in the second year of his term," according to Boldt.

"It is also interesting to note that no president except those who took office at the twenty year periods have died in office," he said.

Cows Noses Give Get Them Caught Sittin' on Inside Looking Outside

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 26.—Criminal activities of animals—dogs, cows and cats, etc.—can now be checked.

When your flower beds are trampled during the night by somebody's cow just get a print of her nose. Bobby Ellis, head of the identification Bureau here, says cow's noses prints tally identically.

Ellis advocates universal finger prints for the help it would give in solving crimes and aiding in identification of accident victims.

A. M. Gibbons of Clarksville was in Mexia Tuesday.

J. E. Woodfin of Paris was in Mexia on business Tuesday.

France Has A Gloomy Xmas

PARIS, Dec. 25. (United Press).—Christmas of 1923 in France was one of the dulllest in years from a business viewpoint and most expensive from the consumer's viewpoint.

Everything gone up from 30 to 50 per cent since last year, except incomes and salaries, the reason is easy to understand.

In spite of this situation, celebrations started last night with the traditional midnight mass, followed by the famous "Reveillon." Although the latter was a restricted one for many French "Reveilloners," there was the usual foiegras, oysters, white sausages, champagne, but either less in quantity or inferior in quality.

Those who last year had reserved one hundred francs tables at their favorite restaurant to get the above menu and dance afterwards, having found they had to pay 150 francs per person, decided to change for some cheaper place where the food is not so fine.

Thanks to the numerous foreigners in town the expensive restaurants sold most of their Reveillon suppers, but the foreigners cannot be everywhere, and there are places where the situation is far worse.

In the department stores, for instance. There the first to suffer apparently are French boys and girls. Now is the time of the year when they expect presents from father, mother and relatives. Families go to the stores with the best intentions, but they see prices prohibitive. Toys these days cost 25 per cent more than last Christmas, while some have gone up as high as 80 per cent. The traders lose, because their expenses have gone up, too, since last year, but they are not doing much more business. Facing serious financial difficulties and their profits decreasing, unless they can arrange cheaper manufacturing, they will be worse off in 1924.

In view of the fact that similar troubles prevail in many other French trade branches, the cost of living can only remain high, and certainly will be higher during these holidays.

A poor Christmas, a poorer New Year day, with very slight hopes of wealthier France during 1924, such is the outlook with pessimism, even if Germany should start paying reparations, which the French people no longer hope in the near future.

Mexico Sends Gold To United States

EL PASO, Dec. 25.—Mexico is pouring a steady stream of gold into the United States.

During the month of November gold amounting to \$100,062 was imported from Mexico into this federal district, according to a report from the United States customs office here.

Silver also is flowing in. There was \$1,654,702 worth imported from Mexico thru El Paso during November.

Salt Cellar Causes Suit For Divorce

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 25.—Even the smallest of objects loom big in marital rows. A tiny salt cellar brought the marital difficulties of Nathan Smith and his wife, Daisy Little Smith, into court here.

In his suit for divorce, Smith alleged that Mrs. Smith threw a salt cellar at him in addition to doing various other things that made him desirous of again enjoying single blessedness.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 26.—After being held with a knife at his throat while his clothes were being ripped and he was robbed of \$300, Manuel Cruise told police he was headed straight for the battle fronts of the Mexican revolution where it's quiet.

FOUR KILLED IN SHOOTINGS IN KENTUCKY

HAZARD, Ky., Dec. 26.—Four men were killed and two wounded in three Christmas shooting affrays in this vicinity.

William Smith, deputy sheriff, was killed and Dennis Phillips, seriously wounded when Phillips resisted arrest on a disorderly conduct charge.

Three other deputies, John Smith, James Witt and J. T. Davidson, going to the scene of Deputy Smith's death, mistook the explosion of a firecracker for a shot and opened fire on Jerry Dunn's store at Karlos. A bullet from Smith's gun fatally wounded Dunn and killed J. D. Matthews and Harry Hayes.

Football Scores In Texas, 1923

AUSTIN, Texas, December 24.—The year of 1923 witnessed the greatest scoring machines in history in the Texas Interscholastic league, according to figures compiled.

Abilene High School, which has come safely through to the semi-finals has hung up the enviable total of 571 points in 11 games. Ten of these games were shutouts, Cisco, Texas, high making a lone touchdown against the gridmen from the Panhandle. They average 52 points to the game.

Waco High which also has hurled all obstacles until she has entered the semi-finals has rolled up a total of 515 points in 11 games, a total of 46 points to the game. Their goal line has not been crossed.

Each team has scored an overwhelming victory and each has had a mighty close shave.

Abilene ran up a score of 101 to 0 against Dublin High and then was held to a 7 to 0 count by the team from Stamford High School. Waco's biggest score was 127 to 0 against McGregor High School. She narrowly missed defeat in a game with Southwestern Cerubs which ended 3 to 0.

THE WORLD IN TABLOID

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—Becoming enraged on seeing his own image reflected in a local store window, Wesley Radecker, 27, opened a bombardment on the glass with bricks. Three hits caused \$150 damage.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 26.—Martha Jones, negress, offered a pint of corn for \$2 to a stranger of dejected appearance on the street here last night. "Sure I'll give it to the chief," was Detective Frank Davis' reply as he took Martha in tow.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 26.—Three persons were killed here yesterday when an interurban car struck their automobile. The dead are Madge Spencer, Robert Spencer and Margaret Peyton.

PARIS, Texas, Dec. 26.—Irene Elkins, 7, was perhaps fatally injured when she was struck by an automobile here yesterday as she was leaving a Christmas entertainment. The little girl had her arms full of presents and was attempting to cross the street when the car struck her, hurling her to the pavement and fracturing her skull.

Physicians said her chances for recovery were slight.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—Emmett Gregath today committed suicide on the doorstep of the home where his estranged wife lived, after his entreaties for a Christmas reconciliation were declined. Gregath argued with his wife for several minutes, attempting to gain admission to the house. When she finally refused, he took poison and shot himself, dying instantly.

Step Follows Decisions Of The Supreme Court

By A. L. BRADFORD (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Japan has made formal representation to the United States amounting to a protest against the anti-alien land laws of California and other Western States, it was learned on reliable authority here today.

The protest is understood to have been made in a communication delivered to the State Department by Ambassador Hanihara, the Japanese envoy in Washington.

This step by Japan follows closely upon the recent decisions of United States Supreme Court confirming the constitutionality of the Western laws barring Japanese from holding land in any way in those States for agricultural purposes.

The Japanese communication is not understood to protest against opinions of the Supreme Court themselves, but to object to the situation that results from he court's decisions.

The protest from Japan, according to the view in some quarters here is the natural consequence and climax to the long history of the Western anti-alien legislation, as the diplomatic correspondence that previously has passed between the United States and Japan on this subject has foreshadowed such a step as the present note from Tokio.

The American Government has not replied to the Japanese note, but is expected to do so in the near future.

Secretary Hughes came into office, it has been the tacit understanding between the United States and Japanese Government, that nothing practicable could be done towards negotiations for a settlement of this serious question until the Supreme Court had passed on the constitutionality of the anti-alien land laws, as brought up in the different suits before the court.

Youthful Hunter Kills Big Bear

ORANGE, Texas, Dec. 26.—Thru the veins of Johnnie Thompson, aged 15, there courses the same blood that animated the famed huntsmen and trappers of old.

While fellow members of a hunting party, all older men, looked on, the youth single handed killed a large black bear weighing over a hundred pounds in the heavy timber country near here recently.

Shortly afterward on the same hunting trip, the youth slew a huge "loafer" wolf that had been cornered by hounds without the assistance of other huntsmen.

Reared near Orange, the youth knows every foot of the forests about here and has an enviable record as a trapper.

REMEMBERING THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

As is its annual custom, Springfield Lodge No. 71, A. F. and A. M., sent baskets of fruit to widows of deceased members of the lodge, remembering several in this way.

Travis Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias also remembered widows, children and sisters of several of its deceased members in this thoughtful way.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Two bandits held up the United States Cigar store at State and Madison streets, the "world's busiest corner," and escaped with \$250 in cash. Henry Greeley, the clerk, had just opened the shop for the day.

Nothing Heard From Dixmude By Ministry Of Marine

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Hope for the missing French air liner Dixmude was virtually abandoned today by the Ministry of Marine.

The most that remains to officials is the hope that the dirigible's crew or part of it, may escape alive.

Nothing definite has been heard from the Dixmude which has been gone from her base at Cuers-Pfierre for more than eight days, since wireless messages from the airship were picked up yesterday.

The Dixmude's rations gave out four days ago; her fuel supply consisting of nineteen tons of gasoline was exhausted last Saturday; caught in the grip of terrific Mediterranean storms, she drifted wraith like in an aerial prison, unable to land, or to make headway to her base.

When last seen the Dixmude was over the Gulf of Gabes, being blown to sea off the Tunis coast.

Since that time, however, the winds have changed and the last to make the Dixmude its plaything was driving the helpless dirigible inland.

Cavalry garrisons throughout Tunis and Algeria were ordered out today by French War Department for a search. The troops were ordered to pass the word along to the natives who would spread it rapidly from mouth to mouth because the Dixmude is regarded as a supernatural sky monster by the tribes men of Northern Africa.

Christmas eve brought reports that various stations in Tunis had been the airship's searchlights in the night sky, but as these were some times reported pointing in one direction and again in another, and were not otherwise identified as belonging to the Dixmude the Ministry of Marine now doubts if it was the dirigible which was seen. Moreover the positions and times reports do not check, when the wind direction is taken into account.

Technical advisers in the aeronautics department of the French navy declared it an impossibility for the Dixmude to remain aloft unprovisioned for a week. They believe the airship landed some days ago, if in the seas, loss of all lives, if the desert, or among the rough hills of Northern Africa, perhaps with some lives saved.

Despair for the air liner's safety grew today as the time she had been away from her home base lengthened to two hundred hours. The Dixmude carried food for approximately sixty hours, with emergency rations that would carry her crew throughout another day or so but her water supply must long since been exhausted.

While cavalry raked the plains and hills of Southern Tunis today, squadrons of airplanes went aloft into the air that held the Dixmude prisoner and searched far and wide for the missing giantess.

Commandant La Fargue, commanding in Tunis, expressed belief the Dixmude had sought shelter behind the Atlas Mountains in the Sarab desert and was awaiting favorable winds to blow her back to France.

The Tunisian commander insisted the dirigible had not sent out distress signals and pointed out that if she had collapsed in the desert the news certainly would have arrived by the natives.

This announcement that the Dixmude had not sent distress signals perplexed naval aviator experts, who pointed out the airship, being built of duraluminum, was extremely light and might float for some days if it fell into the Mediterranean.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Nine were killed in Illinois automobile accidents. Two in Chicago, three in Bloomington, three in Danville, and one in Galesburg.

STATE INSPECTOR PRAISES THE MEXIA HIGH SCHOOL

We have just received a copy of the report made by Miss Charlotte Mayfield to the State Department of Education after her recent visit in the Mexia High School. This report was gratifying in every particular. As for the most part it is according to routine form we shall not trouble to reproduce it here in its entirety, but we do quote the climax in which the Inspector's estimate of us is summarized.

"That the plan of improving the scholarship standard be commended."

"That the school be further commended and congratulated on the excellent system of record keeping, discipline, attitude of students; high grade of work observed; on the loyal support of the school board and of the community; on the modern, well equipped high school."

Two Attempts Made In Two Weeks To Dynamite Official

ARKANSAS CITY, Kans., Dec. 26.—The second attempt within two weeks to kill County Attorney Quier of Cowley county was made when a silver four foot attached to six sticks of dynamite placed under his bedroom window, was discovered by Quier's wife. The fuse had burned a within ten feet of the can, which would have exploded the dynamite. A defective fuse saved the lives of Quier and his wife. Previous to this attempt the dynamite of Quier in Winfield was wrecked by dynamite. He received a letter threatening death unless he resigned.

Exit Big Ranch; Enter Small Farm

ELGIN, Texas, Dec. 26.—Another of Texas' old time ranches has given away to the march of progress. The old Sam Waring ranch, adjacent to Elgin, has been sold to Lee D. Hunter, R. Gannon, and others for a consideration said to be around \$100,000.

The ranch will be divided into a number of small farms.

THE WEATHER

East Texas—Tonight and Thursday unsettled, probable rain in extreme east. Somewhat warmer in southeast tonight. Colder in northwest Thursday.

West Texas—Tonight and Thursday partly cloudy. Colder in the Panhandle tonight and north Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mathis spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Dallas, returning last night.

Western Senator Says Farmers Are Done with Coolidge

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Western farmers, irrespective of party lines, are "through with Coolidge and strong for McAdoo for the presidency." Senator Wheeler of Montana, declared today in a scathing attack on the President's agricultural relief idea.

So far as the farming West is concerned, Wheeler said Coolidge's ideas are "archaic" and "antidivine." The President's message, he said, shows that he does not understand the distressing plight of the farmers west of the Missouri.

"Something must be done and done quickly," declared the Senator. "Out in my country we all favor the Norris-Sinclair bill, or an exporting corporation of agricultural products organized by the Government."

The West, Wheeler said, is prepared to send men of the Magnus Johnson stripe to Congress and not "milkops."

Sittin' on Inside Looking Outside

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 2.—"Sittin' on the inside, lookin' at the outside, waitin' fo' the evenin' mail."

John Alet, negro, hummed this air as he walked into county jail here and announced he wanted to make bond for a friend.

Police took a good look at John and identified him as wanted on charges of robbery with firearms.

Now John in reality is "sittin' on the inside, lookin' at the outside, waitin' fo' the evenin' mail."

W. S. Banks, attorney for the J. K. Hughes companies, spent Christmas at his old home in Temple.

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THE UNPARDONABLE CIVIC SIN

"Stagnation" is the unpardonable civic sin.

Mexia must not commit it, else her people will suffer the punishment sure to come.

China built a wall about herself and stood still for 1,000 years, the football of the powers of the earth. Egypt, Persia, Greece and Rome perished when they ceased to grow. In all Nature, to cease to grow is certain death.

Texas leads in the production of spinach. In the season of 1920, of the 262 cars arriving in Chicago, 254 came from Texas; of the 1,533 cars arriving in New York, 429 came from Texas; and a total of 512 cars of Texas spinach passed through the St. Louis gateway.

AN ANCIENT ENEMY APPEARS IN GERMANY

(Extracts from an Editorial)
By HERBERT KAUFMAN
Hunger, Rickets and Co.,
Bill Collectors

Germany pays. Hunger and rickets and tuberculosis are collecting reparations from the tenements, from the jobless, the foodless—from ragged school boys and famished shop girls—from shabby students and penniless invalids—from palsy and paralysis and white-haired old bones.

If battle flags are still waving in your heart, you'll let 'em die—the withered babe at shrunk breast, the mother and her shivering toddlers.

They've nothing more to sell. Pawnshop and profiteer have plundered bed, floor and closet.

They've eaten their rugs and blankets and shirts and coats.

The improvident plutons have banqueted regally—have stripped their very backs and changed their last patched shoes for cans of condensed milk, pounds of potatoes and handfuls of coal.

Good for Shadows and Will-o'-the-Wisps

They're getting billion dollar wages in burlesque money good for face value throughout Utopia good for shadows and will-o'-the-wisps and imagination. But a billion a day won't fill a starving belly or soup pots—merely leaves.

Death's at the door, death, without shout or coffin. A belated and departed nation is perishing within a clasp of steel and caliche nets. Traitors greed and insatiable credence have, in turn, looted and looted the land.

The enemy has finally pushed through to Berlin—the ancient, bitter enemy of all our kind, the horse men of the Apocalypse. The famine is on the ground, potatoes, riding hard behind.

Dollars or Deaths—That's the issue. We didn't die against war, we men and children, but to buy them salvation is the same thing.

We searched America from destruction. We established sanctuaries for America's refugees and today wife, drove phony out of France, rationed for extra while Nazis embroiled were plotting for our destruction; now, let's fulfill our duty to Germany.

We've paid when they've not paid, more apples than we can pick, more leather than we can shoe.

General Henry T. Allen, commander in chief of the U. S. Army, announced the following figures of money in every state in the nation.

How much will you collect under the banner that always has saved us from every sign of desolation and despair from Tokyo to Nippon?

A wounded fire never put out, left unministered to, on any field that knew the Stars and Stripes. For the first time shall we refuse charity? Shall we strike the victims' auto, where we don't blow?

Ask your mother, ask your wife, ask your son, ask your daughter, what they would have you do. Ask your conscience.

Dollars or deaths—that's the issue. Whatever you give, give it now! And don't let God be ashamed of the check.

A MESSAGE TO GOMPEERS

A statement by the Mexican Federation of Labor, containing the of a telegram sent to Samuel

Gompers, was published on December 9.

In order that the false reports which are being sent to the United States may not be wrongly interpreted by American labor, the leaders of the Regional Federation have hastened to send a report to the president of the American Federation of Labor, asking at the same time the help of his supporters in combating the reactionaries residing in American territory. The telegram reads as follows:

Mexico, December 8.—Mr. Samuel Gompers, Washington, D. C.: Undoubtedly you have knowledge that some military elements, led by Guadalupe Sanchez, are revolting against the Government and that the head of the rebellion is the prevaricator Adolfo de la Huerta. This armed movement is attempting again to establish reaction and to revive the practice of enslaving the common people that once prevailed here. We have the honor to communicate to you that the Regional Mexican Federation of Labor absolutely supports the Government of President Obregon, and that we are getting ready to organize armed groups of workers to fight the revolution on the field whether the struggle has been carried and on which the labor movement does not refuse to accept the fight again. We are asking in the name of labor solidarity the support of the Pan-American Federation to avoid especially the development of enemy movements in that country.

Fraternally,
Gen. Sec'y. Ricardo Trevino,
Sec'y. of the Interior,
R. Cervantes Torres.

BANDITS LOOT

TULSA JEWELER

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 26.—Thirty thousand dollars worth of diamonds and cash was the loot of two bandits this morning who held up Harry Gold of Goldberg Loan office, and R. D. Hamawalk a customer in the shop, who forced them into the vault and drove away in an automobile. The shop was located in the heart of the city where hundreds of pedestrians pass. No trace as yet.

STILL SOME HORSE STEALING

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 26.—Horse stealing, scourge of the plains in the old days, is not entirely passed. A dark bay mare was taken from the back yard of Benjamin Clayton here last week, according to reports to police.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Jack Taylor, Omaha negro heavyweight, won a round decision from Battling Bull Ad Stone, Philadelphia light-heavyweight stopped Dan O'Dowd, Boston, in the eighth round. O'Dowd took a punch at his manager, Eddie Meehan, after Meehan had tossed in a towel.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26. Harry Gibson, world's middleweight champion, won a 10-round decision from Tommy Laughman, Philadelphia.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 26.—Tommy Gibson, St. Paul heavyweight, has accepted terms to meet Fred Fulton, Minnesota heavyweight here in February.

TYLER, Texas, Dec. 26.—Reclus General Henry T. Allen, commander in chief of the U. S. Army, announced the following figures of money in every state in the nation.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 23.—Three persons were killed and five known the Stars and Stripes. For the first time shall we refuse charity? Shall we strike the victims' auto, where we don't blow?

The splendid contribution from District Attorney Chester Machen, which was appeared in The News of Monday, was presented by him at Columbus, Ga., where he is enjoying the holidays, he writes. Mrs. Machen and children are in their old home at Waco for the vacation period.

Major Vickers and Rufus Peebles were visitors to Mexia Wednesday.

The Greatness of Little Things

By A. Garland Adair

WORDS.

Words have a wonderful influence, whether communicated by mouth, mischievous, hand or printing press.

The number of letters in a word, however, does not indicate strength. "Truth" contains fewer letters than "Falshood," "David" fewer than "Goliath" and "God" fewer than "Wilhelm."

Neither does the length of an article necessarily mean anything. The Twenty-third Psalm illustrates this. It has only six verses and 118 words, but it presents a complete picture of God's watchful care over the world. Other worthy examples are numerous. There's Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg, 266 words. Everett spoke two hours preceding him.

There's the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States, 52 words, containing the concentrated essence of the philosophy of America.

The most beautiful story ever written "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" may be read in five minutes time and The Lord's Prayer offered in thirty seconds.

SOME PERSONALS

Among the visitors to Mexia last Monday were:

Wayland Moody of Tehuacana. Jim Frazier of Coolidge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McAfee of Point Enterprise.

Walter Cook of Shiloh.

John Black, Superintendent of the Tehuacana schools.

Tee Moody of Tehuacana.

Miss Van Fossen, professor of English at Westminster.

Miss Alma Johnson, head of the Commercial Department at Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson of Tehuacana.

Henry Benneett of Tehuacana.

Marvin Bronaugh of Tehuacana.

T. G. Lawhon returned Wednesday from Greenville where he spent three days with his mother.

FELT TIRED, SO TIRED

Indiana Lady Says She Was Run-Down, Suffered With Her Back, Took Cardui, and Got Well.

Richmond, Ind.—"I thought I would write a line or so, to say that I owe my good health and strength to Cardui," says a letter from Mrs. Cora Courtney, 31 Railroad Street, this city.

"I was all run-down until my family thought they would lose me," writes Mrs. Courtney. "My husband coaxed me to take Cardui, so, to please him, I did, and will say I do not regret it, for I am able to do all my work and do my shopping."

"I have five children, four in school, my husband and a boarder to do for, and I do all my own work for all of us, and find time to play. We all praise Cardui. Every sick and run-down woman should take this wonderful medicine."

"I suffered with my back; a very weak feeling in my limbs."

"I felt hardly able to drag; just tired—so tired all the time."

"It was an effort for me to do anything, but Cardui helped me so I felt like a different woman."

If you are in a run-down physical condition, suffering as this Indiana lady says she did, give Cardui a fair trial. It should help you.

Take Cardui. NC-147

CITIZENSHIP

By A. Garland Adair

Preamble to The Constitution To every citizen of this country, young and old, the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States, is recommended as containing the complete philosophy of American government. Its full meaning and its contents verbatim should be known by everyone of school age and over.

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

NO YULE ARRESTS

Christmas day was a quiet one in Mexia. No one, not even old father Time, was arrested. He still went on his way as quietly as everyone else and brought the day to a close without seeing a single law breaker brought in to occupy the attention of the courts.

This is an enviable record for any city. It is a result of sustained and sharp vigilance in running down those characters who operate in the dark and profit at the expense of society. Mexia may well be proud of her officers.

H. S. Wofford and W. B. Asbell of Coolidge were visitors to Mexia Christmas day.



Thomas Meighan in the Paramount Picture "Woman-Proof" by George Ade

National Theatre Tomorrow

LOST—Ladies hat somewhere on the streets, Tuesday night. Please return to Mrs. Joe Sherrer. 26D1

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McGee of Corsicana were Sunday visitors in Mexia.

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Special-Six five-pass Sedan	2050.00	1985.00
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J. D. Rambo, an old time citizen of the Prairie Grove community, now living at Oakwood, is here spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

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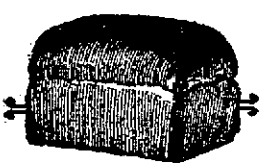
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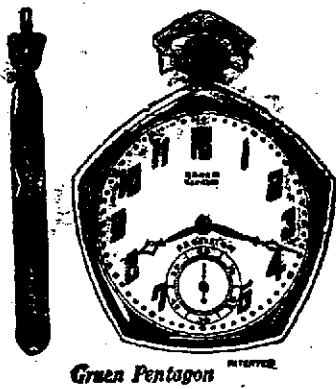
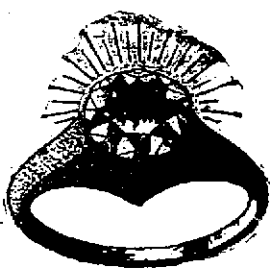
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—Heppelwhite design (Reed & Barton) large six piece tea set including waiter. \$150 value, now at half price \$75

—“Dutch Silver” Wedgewood quality coffee set, four pieces, \$50.00 value. Now at half price \$25

—Community Plate Tudor 20 year guarantee, 26 pieces \$17.25 value. Now at half price \$8.62

—The famous “Universal” percolator, 9 cup, including waiter, sugar and cream pitcher. \$60 value, now at half price \$30

—The famous “Universal” percolator, heavily silver plated, 9 cup, including sugar and cream pitcher. \$75.00 value. Now at half price \$37.50

—Gilbert clocks 8 day and striker, upright design and mahogany finished, \$15.00 value. Now at half price \$7.50

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—“Flyer” Alarm clocks, \$1.50 value. Now at half price 75c

—Gillette razor blades, \$1.00 value the dozen. Now at half price. Dozen 50c

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—The famous Ever-Ready razor sells the entire world over at \$1.00. Now at half price 50c

—Ladies hand tooled Cordova hand bag, hand laced handle. \$10.00 value. Now at half price \$5.00

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Mexia Lions Growth In Numbers Based on Interest In Projects In Behalf Of A Better Place

The officers and personnel of the Lions club of this city are as follows: President, Lion J. K. Hughes. First Vice President, Lion Marion M. Brown.

Second Vice President, Lion F. W. Welch. Third Vice President, Lion R. D. Morgan. Tail Twister, Lion Phil Karner. Lion Tamer, Lion W. B. Landrum. Secretary and Treasurer, Lion Jere H. Cason. Publicity Man, Lion G. T. Reaves.

Directors: Lion J. K. Hughes. Lion S. S. Cox. Lion Blake Forrest. Lion W. W. Barnett. Lion B. R. Howard. Lion R. B. Bass. Early in last December the membership committee of the club met and rearranged the roll and the following members are those now on the roster:

Lion W. B. Andrews. Lion W. D. Alexander. Lion W. W. Barnett. Lion W. M. Brown. Lion W. K. Boyd. Lion Roy Bass. Lion Charles Clover. Lion J. H. Cason. Lion Sam Cox. Lion Roscoe Cook. Lion R. J. Compton. Lion J. Desenberg. Lion Blake Forrest. Lion Gray Forrest. Lion Rex Forrest. Lion Roy Flynn. Lion V. B. Gardner. Lion J. K. Hughes. Lion Monroe Hitt. Lion Ben Howard. Lion Reuben Jackson. Lion Bob Johnson. Lion John Klotz. Lion Phil Karner. Lion De Witt Lamb. Lion Herbert Littman. Lion Wirt Landrum. Lion John McElroy. Lion Elton Mosely. Lion Rube D. Morgan. Lion Jean Ormsby. Lion John Phillips. Lion George Perkins. Lion Jim Prickett. Lion Dick Prickett. Lion Tom Prickett. Lion George Peyton. Lion Tom Phillips. Lion J. I. Riddle. Lion G. T. Reaves. Lion John Sweatt. Lion E. L. Smith. Lion Gene Sinclair. Lion John Sanders. Lion W. M. White, Jr. Lion Sam Werner. Lion B. C. Walkup. Lion Walter Womack. Lion W. Wilson. Lion W. Welch. This club has been an important factor in promoting the many civic

improvements which have made for the wonderful progress of Mexia in the last two years. Among the movements which they have encouraged are these:

The paving of the alleys of Mexia. The extension of the pavement on Kaufman street to the cemetery.

The beautifying of the park given to the city by J. K. Hughes. A committee for this project is now outstanding.

An electrically lighted white way from the railroads to Paris street.

In connection with the other clubs they were interested in the matter of light rate question here; the buying of a street sweeper for the city; and the securing of a new charter for the city.

OBREGON SENDS MEN TO SOUTH IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Fearing a rebel thrust from the South, Obregon has dispatched General Gomez, Military Commander of the Capital and fifteen hundred men to the state of Morelos. The rebels are reported active there. The Federals in the east are consolidating, following their victory in Puebla Saturday. Two hundred rebels were left dead behind when the Federal forces drove them out of the city and captured 1,000. Airplanes and artillery were used in the attack before the attack was made on the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are now making Mexia their home. Mr. Sherman is with the Community Power and Light Company here.

D. E. McKinney of Dawson was in the city Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Thompson and little son, J. A. Thompson, Jr., left Saturday to spend the holidays in Dallas.

Mrs. G. O. Green and son, Joe, of Tehuacana, left Saturday to spend Christmas in Corsicana.



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Dallas are here to spend the holidays cana were Sunday visitors in Mexia.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith have gone to spend Christmas holidays in Carleton.



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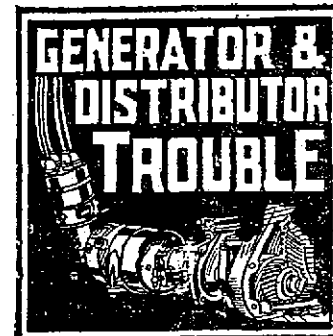
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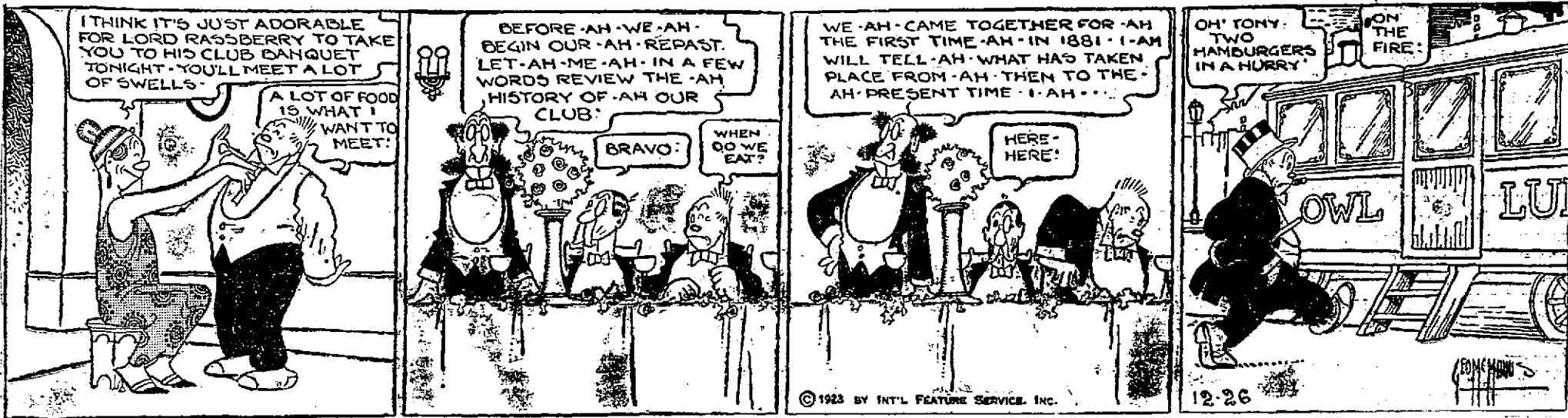
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32 From Dallas	10:08 a. m.
38 Austin San Antonio	12:21 a. m.
18 Houston San Antonio	1:37 a. m.
20 Houston San Antonio	12:16 a. m.

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DID YOU KNOW that there are many changes daily in Mexia's rooming houses. These individuals watch this column constantly for available rooms. The column offers its service in helping rent your rooms. Give particulars in your ad. That's what the reader wants.

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PARTNER WANTED, with or without services, in paying business in Mexia. Half interest for \$4,000 cash. Guarantee 50 per cent profit a year. Box X, care News. 21A2

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FOR SALE—J

FOR SALE—Residence lots between Sumpter Street School and High School. W. D. Pittman Room 205 Pittman Building. 16J13

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FOR RENT—Desirable two and three room apartments, conveniently located, all modern conveniences, lights, gas and water, furnished. Reasonable rates. Gates Apartments, 834 East Commerce St. Telephone 633. 8126

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FOR RENT—Store building, good location, reasonable rent. For further information see W. D. Pittman, room 205 Pittman building. 14L14

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Resolutions On Death of Dean By Law Students

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 26.—Students of the Law School of the University of Texas have prepared and passed resolutions on the death of Judge John C. Townes. They were presented by a committee consisting of Ralph R. Wood, of Houston; William Robert Smith, Jr., of El Paso; and R. G. Gay, Jr., of Santa Anna.

The resolutions follow: Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom to remove from this world our dear and intimate friend and teacher, Judge John C. Townes, and

Whereas, Judge Townes has so earnestly and devotedly given 27 years of the best of his singular life as our professor and dean to the upbuilding of the School of Law of the University of Texas, and is chiefly responsible for its present high standing and

Whereas, Judge Townes, scholarly and learned, as our professor in the classroom has through all these years been truly our friend—unselfishly, endlessly laboring for our welfare; patient, kind and considerate, and unflinching in his efforts that we, not he, might benefit, and

Whereas, We have known Judge Townes to be a dearest friend—a father in his concern for us and our lives; he has humbly helped us, as individuals and as a group representative of thousands, to meet our problems both personal and otherwise with his rich experience, fearless thought, and great wisdom, and

Whereas, Judge Townes, as an example of the highest type of profound legal scholars, devoted lawyer, and Christian gentleman with character unblemished and a personality that knew no enemies, has been a most determining factor in moulding the principles of our lives both as men and lawyers, and

Resolved, That we, students of the Law School, Judge Townes' "boys," are given up one of our dearest friends, most able advisors, and strongest influences for good we shall ever know—a man whose place cannot be refilled, and be it further

Resolved, That we join with the members of his family in mourning, and extend to them our most profound sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a second to the secretary of the Law School for permanent record, and a third to the press.

GEORGIA MINSTRELS COMING TO OPERA HOUSE

The minstrel fans of this vicinity will be pleased to learn that one of the very best and largest minstrel organizations on the road is to visit this city. Possibly certain people have forgotten that there are minstrel fans because it has been so long since they had an opportunity to see a really first class minstrel. However, the fever or minstrel mania will get them when the richly dressed parade of the Famous Georgia Minstrels pass over our streets at the noon hour the day they appear here. The amusement question by some people always involved the "Questionable" amusement question, but that time is never aroused by the coming of a high-class minstrel like the "Georgians." base ball, a good circus, and up-to-date minstrel seem to be at least three forms of amusement which are never questioned by the scrupulous. Laughter, the creating of laughter is the one purpose of the minstrel, as well as the rendering of musical and pleasing songs. The Minstrel man has been known from almost the beginning of this world's history. It is this very characteristic of the minstrel which makes it capable of appealing to all classes and when the Famous Georgia Minstrels appear

at the Opera House on Wednesday, December 26, there will be seen hundreds of theatre fans standing in line.

TO GET THE REAL TEA FLAVOR

The Chinese have always told us (and they ought to know, for they were the original tea drinking people) that we make a great mistake in brewing our tea in metal teapots. Our silver teapots were only indications of barbaric ostentation in their eyes; the finest porcelain was their ideal.

Tea lovers will agree with the Chinese, but we know the sad fate which all too soon overtakes a china teapot; usually first its nose and then its cover is broken. There is, however, a compromise between metal and porcelain unknown to the oriental of tea discovery days, beloved by modern housewives—enameled ware. No porcelain surface can be delicate or more impervious and its metal foundation makes it survive the vicissitudes of ordinary family and kitchen use. One such tea pot in white enameled ware is still perfect after twenty years of service and still furnishes tea as delicate as if made in Mandarin porcelain.

A NEW AND SEASONABLE WATER ICE.

Here is a seasonable dessert that is especially good for children—they'll be fond of it and it is so simply made that it can't possibly upset anyone's digestion. Older people, too, will like it as it is a pleasing variation upon the ices to which they are accustomed.

Cook four cups of cranberries in an almost equal quantity of boiling water. This should be done in an enameled ware saucepan. For, as most housewives have learned, this sharply acid fruit can be cooked with safety in an enameled vessel, because its surface is not affected by acid. Put the cooked berries thru a sieve and stir in two and a half cups of granulated sugar. Soak a heaping teaspoonful of gelatine in a cup of cold water for five minutes and after the sugar has dissolved, add this gelatine and the juice of a lemon to the hot cranberry mixture. Cool and freeze—and you'll have a delicious dessert. This ice can also be used as a punch to serve with poultry—it would be a real addition to the Christmas dinner—or in the course immediately following.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

Jim Backer of Waco was a visitor to Mexia Monday.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 14th, day of Dec. 1923, by The District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of \$1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien,

in favor of in a certain cause in said court, No. 49016-? and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs. Della Box, the surviving wife of S. A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Branton Box, and Mrs. Della Box, Guardian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Branton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th, Judicial District of Texas, a judgement against the said defendants, Della, Box, for the sum of \$1800.00 principal, \$424.80 interest and \$222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest on \$2224.80 principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$222.48 attorney's fees from said November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th, day of December, A. D., 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 103 acres of land in the Chas. Roberts survey, described in three tracts as follows:

FIRST TRACT: 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams-O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. Roberts League, in the North line of the 90 acre tract known as the Limestone County, Land; Thence North 30 West with the East line of said Lot No. 1, 700 varas to corner from which a post oak 12" in dia. brs. North 22½ East 10 varas; Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 90 acre tract; Thence South 60 West along the North line of said 90 acre tract 338 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: 30 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R. O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal's line, 550 varas

to corner; Thence North 60 East 127 varas to corner; Thence North 20 West with the O'Neal line to the Southwest corner of the M. R. Box 18 acre tract; Thence North 60 East to the Northwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Southwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 60 West 294 varas to the place of beginning.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

THIRD TRACT: 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 30 East 555 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stem, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 West 555 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. B. Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

Said three tracts of land being the same land described in the deed of Trust from S. A. Box and wife, Della Box to Chas. L. Krebs, Trustee, recorded in Vol. 7, page 403-7, deed of trust records of Limestone County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Della Box, and all above named parties; and that on the first Tuesday in Feb. 1924, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Limestone County, in the town of Groesbeck, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate

at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Della Box, et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand, this 17th, day of Dec., 1923.

WHIT POPEJOY, Sheriff, Limestone County, Texas.
By N. P. Harris, Deputy.
Dec. 18-25 Jan. 2

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it.

Mexia, Texas, December 8th, 1923.
W. G. FORREST, Cashier.
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Europe Awakening From Her Nightmare

LONDON, Dec. 26. (United Press.) Europe has completed another year of her slow awakening from the nightmare of the world war.

Perhaps the outstanding political development of the year was a strong movement towards conservatism in belligerent and neutral, conqueror and conquered States alike. Radicals lost ground everywhere, except in England, where labor materially increased its power and parliamentary prestige.

Benito Mussolini has consolidated his Fascist Government in Italy.

Greece is in the hands of a military dictatorship, and militant republicans are pulling the King's throne out from under him.

General Primo Rivera is the virtual dictator of Spain, after a bloodless revolution of one day.

Conservatives seized the reins in Bulgaria and the radical prime minister, Stamboulski, was killed in the sharp fighting that attended the overthrow.

Germany seems about to follow these States and declare for a strictly conservative government, as against the present coalition—its much more conservative than its predecessors.

On Verge of War.

Once Europe was brought to the verge of war, Italian members of an allied military mission were killed on Greek soil. Italy's fleet bombarded the Greek port of Corfu. The casualties were refugees, mostly children. In the end Greece satisfied the Italian demands and war that would have involved all Europe was averted.

States collapsed and others were rehabilitated during the year.

Germany, a great world power, collapsed almost completely, and now seems to have seen the worst of her troubles.

Turkey has won back by the peace of Lausanne what she lost during the war, and more. She finds herself a strong, progressive republic, with Mustapha Kemal, who led the Angora revolt, her President.

Russia Starts Back.

Russia has started to come back. Italy and Great Britain are preparing to recognize her soon—almost certainly within the year.

Austria, stripped of her most valuable territory, reached the depths of economic ruin. Today her finances are being restored by the League of Nations.

Hungary is to be assisted similarly, as soon as the consent of some doubtful League members is obtained.

Greece, torn by war and revolution, has applied for aid.

But 1923 opens with continental Europe still in grave difficulties, but no worse off, perhaps better, than at the beginning of 1922.

At the close of 1922, France had just rejected British and Italian plans to solve the reparations question.

And 1923 opened with French and Belgian troops marching into the Ruhr, where they seized the most productive center of the German republic as a guarantee that reparations payments, which it was complained, were slow and inadequate, would be made promptly and fully.

Germany began passive resistance. England refused to co-operate with her allies, France and Belgium, and Italy was an unwilling assistant to them.

Reparations payments ceased. For months there was a stalemate; abortive attempts at agreement; riots; imprisonment of German industrialists and government officials; murders of French and Belgian soldiers; shooting-up of towns by French and Belgian forces.

Allies Estranged.

All the time conditions in Germany became worse. And the allies, who, had fought and won the war together, became more and more estranged.

Then Germany collapsed. The mark became worthless. There were unsuccessful attempts at rebellion in Bavaria and the Rhineland—the former aiming at seizing power and restoring the monarchy, the latter at proclaiming a Rhineland republic.

Passive resistance ceased, and nothing happened.

Great Britain and the United States proposed a huge reparations conference to settle the whole mess. The idea failed, because France refused to permit the reassessment of Germany's war liability.

Allied military control over Germany had ceased because of chaotic conditions. France wanted it restored and threatened to withdraw her troops and cease to co-operate with the allies.

For the first time since war, France gave in.

Things changed for the better.

France signed an agreement with the Ruhr industrialists for payment of reparations.

Then France proposed an investigation by the Reparations Commission of (1) German finances, and (2) German wealth deposited abroad, by two committees.

There may be further trouble about the Ruhr agreement, as to who is to get the money, if any.

May Settle Reparations.

As to the investigation, Great Britain consented to it rather than argue, though believing it must fail. But as plans for it are formed Great Britain and others are beginning to believe that it may develop into a real one. If it does, the United States will join, and a settlement of the reparations problem may be effected.

The entente between France and Great Britain, which had become a myth, is stronger now than it has been for months. France is more conciliatory. Belgium wants friendship with England. And Italy has adopted the whole British program—which is peace and hard work.

France and Belgium are beginning to remove all but 10,000 of the 60,000 soldiers in the Ruhr.

Things in Europe during 1923 became so bad that they could not have got worse without war. Now, at least superficially, they are better. The outlook is more cheerful. 1925 may see Europe really convalescing.

LET US JOIN HANDS ROTARY SAYS TO CITY

The Mexia Rotary Club was organized in January 1923 by Dr. David C. Bayless formerly a member of the Baltimore Rotary Club, Baltimore, Md. Through the efforts of Dr. Bayless a survey of Mexia by the then District Governor, John C. Singleton of Waxsachie, was asked, and a permit granted to organize a Club in Mexia with a membership not to exceed 25 members. Accordingly the following Charter membership was made up:

Albert H. Berry, Wholesale Grocer. Cox W. Brodnax, Retail Lumber. James D. Buie, Photographer. John R. Corley, Retail Furniture. J. W. Elliott, Sales Agent for Texas Company.

A. R. (Eich) Etchison, Wholesale Produce. A. Hardie Eubanks, Banking. Nelson Forrest, Druggist. Allen L. Hatch, Farmer. Jim C. Hodges, Building Contractor. Albert E. Humphreys, Crude Petroleum Products.

Ernest Watson, Capitalist. W. M. White, Civil Lawyer. Jack Womack, Loans. Following the completion of this list Rotarian Jess Eubanks, at that time President of the Corsicana Rotary Club, came to Mexia as the official representative of Rotary International and completed the formality of organizing the Club as above constituted. Rotarian Eubank received no compensation for his services, and in fact the members of Rotary state with pride that no commission, fee or salary is paid on a Rotary membership. They have no paid organizers and the membership spreads simply through the interest that is inspired in the practices and tenets of the organization.

Following the organization, at a meeting on January 25 the following were elected directors of the Club:

A. E. Humphreys. C. P. McKenzie. A. H. Berry. L. S. Patterson. W. M. White. Ernest Watson. Jack Womack. These directors in turn elected Albert E. Humphreys President, C. P. McKenzie, Vice President, A. H. Eubanks, Treasurer, Ben F. Stollenwerk, secretary, Fred S. Karner, sergeant-at-arms.

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